

Congressional High School Art Competition

History and Purpose

Congressman Tom Petri has invited high schools from throughout the Sixth Congressional District to participate in the 26th Annual Congressional Art Competition for high school students, called *An Artistic Discovery*.

This nationwide art competition, voluntarily sponsored by Members of Congress through competitions held in their congressional districts, affords creative high school students the opportunity to showcase their talents in Washington, D.C.

In the past, more than 200 congressional offices have participated in the program. Each year, the winning entries, one from each congressional district, are displayed in the U.S. Capitol. The competition has proven to be a wonderful opportunity for young artists to not only be challenged locally, but to be recognized for their talent, creativity and vision at the national level.

Facts

What?

An Artistic Discovery, the annual Congressional High School Art Competition, for high school students in the Sixth Congressional District of Wisconsin represented by Rep. Tom Petri.

Three entries per school may be submitted, one piece of art per student.

Rep. Petri will host an exhibit, reception and awards ceremony for participating students on Saturday, May 5 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Student Commons of the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac.

The winning entry from the Sixth District will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for one year. The winning student will be invited to an unveiling of the exhibit and a reception for the winners in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, June 28.

The second and third place winners will have their artwork displayed in Rep. Petri's Washington, D.C. and Fond du Lac district offices, respectively.

Each participating student will receive a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition. The winner's name will be given to the Savannah College of Art and Design for scholarship opportunities. The school will award their Artistic Honor Scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000 per year, to all first place winners in the 2007 Congressional Art Competition.

Since 1982, nearly 4,500 local contests have been conducted involving more than 650,000 high school students.

Artwork must be two-dimensional only. Please be sure to read the guidelines for the 2007 Congressional Art Competition. The guidelines are also available on the Congressman's website at www.house.gov/petri.

Who?

The competition is open to all high school students who are residents of the Sixth Congressional District. The Sixth District includes all of Adams, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Manitowoc, Marquette, Sheboygan, Waushara and Winnebago Counties, most of Calumet County, and parts of Outagamie and Jefferson Counties.

When?

Please contact Rep. Petri's Fond du Lac office by Friday, April 27 if you plan to submit artwork for the competition. Contact information is below.

Deadline for entries is Tuesday, May 1. Artwork may be dropped off at Congressman Petri's Fond du Lac district office located at 490 West Rolling Meadows Drive. If necessary, special arrangements can be made for artwork to be picked up by a member of Rep. Petri's staff.

Exhibit, reception and awards ceremony for students, their families and friends will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Student Commons of the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac.

We would like to leave the Congressional Art Competition exhibit on display through the day on Saturday, May 5 so it may be viewed by people attending another art event being held at UW-Fond du Lac on Saturday evening. Rep. Petri's office assumes the responsibility of returning students' artwork to their schools early during the week of May 7.

Questions?

Please contact Clare Wettstein at Rep. Petri's Fond du Lac office at 1-800-242-4883 or 920/922-1180 or by e-mail at clare.wettstein@mail.house.gov.